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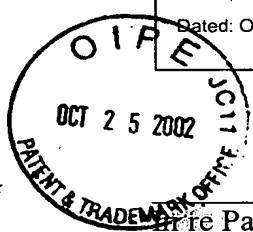
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Patent Application of:
Yuzo Kano, et al.

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For: SPOT JOINING METHOD AND
SPOT-JOINING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 5, 18, 26, 27 and 33 as follows:

5. A spot joining device comprising:

a joining tool having a column-shaped shoulder portion at a tip end portion thereof and a pin protruding from an end face of the shoulder portion along an axis thereof;

a rotation motor for rotating the joining tool around the axis thereof; and

a motion motor for moving the joining tool along the axis thereof, wherein the joining tool is moved along the axis by the motion motor while the joining tool is rotated by the rotation motor,

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